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Around the Army

Fort Eustis:

The Wheel reported May 25 that the well-being council took action on several customer concerns at Fort Eustis and Fort Story, Va. Some of the issues included action plans for minimizing ID card wait time, reinstating sports physicals for school-aged family members, allowing limited vehicle registration after normal business hours at the Military Police station, posting approximate wait times at the Auto Craft Shop and making more appointments available to currently enrolled retirees at the McDonald Army Health Center.

For more on this story and other Fort Eustis, Va., news, visit www.militarynews.com/wheel/wheel_news.htm on the Web.

Fort Stewart:

The Frontline reported May 31 that a former 3rd Infantry Division assistant division commander-manuever, Maj. Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III, was nominated for appointment to lieutenant general and assignment as commanding general, XVIII Airborne Corps, May 2.

Austin served as assistant division commander-manuever at Fort Stewart and in Operation Iraqi Freedom from July 2001 to June 2003.

Following his assignment at Fort Stewart, he served as the commanding general of the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, N.Y., from September 2003 to August 2005.

For more on this story and other Fort Stewart, Ga., news, visit www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?brd=1390 on the Web.

Fort Leavenworth:

The Lamp reported May 25 that 29 Command and General Staff College students donning running gear had gathered May 23 for the first CGSC Iron Major competition, which pushed them to their limits to determine the fittest male and female majors in CGSC class 2006-1.

Events included pull-ups, laces-to-the-bar "sit-ups" with feet on a pull-up bar, carrying a heavy dummy and rucksack and completing a 50-meter crabwalk going forward and backward before the final event, a 4.6-mile run around the airfield.

For more on this story and other Fort Leavenworth, Kan., news, visit www.fileavenworth-lamp.com/ on the Web.

Fort Dix:

The Post reported May 5 that there was a new game in town the previous weekend. The 78th Division, along with technicians from Fort Monmouth, conducted a three-day, brigade-level training exercise to test the new Tact-Pak system.

The 78th ran the exercise while Soldiers from Fort Dix's 455th Chemical Brigade, the 462nd Transportation Battalion from Trenton, and New York's 479th Chemical Battalion participated in the training scenario.

For more on this story and other Fort Dix, N.J., news, visit www.dix.army.mil/PAO/post06/post050506/post050506.htm on the Web.

Post law officers ticket cell users

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

Drivers with one hand on the wheel and the other pressing a cell phone to their ear now may have to pay \$75 if caught doing that on Fort Riley.

Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy, commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, signed a policy letter March 15 prohibiting cell phone use while driving. Fourteen citations have been issued to drivers violating the policy on post since March 17.

Vehicle operators on Fort Riley and operators of government vehicles on and off post are required to use a hands-free device while talking on the phone and driving. Hands-free devices include speakerphones and earpieces that allow the driver to use

both hands.

Vic Dimattia, chief of law enforcement, said enforcement of the regulation is going well. "It's being enforced just like any other traffic violation on post," he said. "Someone crosses the yellow line; we stop them. Somebody runs a

stop sign; we stop them. Somebody's on the phone; we stop them."

The policy follows a Department of Defense policy limiting cell phone use to hands-free devices while driving on military installations.

How it's done



Post/Morelock

Leo Mays, a member of the Special Military Active-Retired Travel Club talks with Soldiers from Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., before watching them participate in motorized gunnery training May 19 at Range 18.

1st Bn., 16th Inf., hosts travelers

By Anna Morelock
Staff writer

From the air-conditioned control tower at Range 18, nine members of the Kansas Chapter of the Special Military Active-Retired Travel Club watched Soldiers of Company B, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, train in motorized gunnery at Fort Riley May 19.

The three-man "Humvee" crews scouted for enemy "pop-ups" while moving down range and reported their contacts to

the platoon leader sitting in the tower and issuing instructions via radio from the floor above the retirees.

The retirees watched the vehicles through windows from their spot on the second floor of the tower and on a monitor while listening to the radio transmissions between crew and tower.

The travel club, which often stays at military installations during their travels, was camping at Milford Lake and caravaned to post to meet with Col. Jeffrey D. Ingram, 1st Brigade commander, and to

watch the "Iron Rangers" participate in the first of three brigade-directed security force training exercises in preparation for their deployment to Iraq in the fall.

The deployed security force companies will be responsible for securing logistical convoys carrying fuel, equipment and supplies between forward operating bases throughout Iraq.

Capt. Matt Snell, Co. B commander, spoke with the group about the background

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Post selects its top Soldiers

**Gaston top
NCO, Dinardi
best Soldier**

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

"We have the best Army in the world, and what makes it the best

are the Soldiers you see before us today," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Rick Heaton. Heaton formerly served as the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) commander and sergeant major before retiring three years ago.

He was talking about the 11 Soldiers just recognized as the brigade and post Soldiers and noncommissioned officers of the quarter for third quarter fiscal year 2006 honored at a ceremony May 22 at Riley's Conference Center.

Spec. Erika Dinardi of Company C, 101st Forward Support



Sgt. John Gaston



Spec. Erika Dinardi

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'Black Lions' give 'Wildcats' taste of Army life

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

The Wildcats needed help and the Black Lions answered the call. Six Kansas State University ROTC cadets participated in the Cadet Troop Leader Training Program with the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, May 15-25, something they might have missed had the battalion not lent a hand.

Because of wartime deployments in recent years, many Army units were unable to host ROTC cadets for the popular CTLT program, said Lt. Col. Arthur DeGroat, professor of military science at K-State.

"In the Wildcat Battalion, we go to the end of the earth for our cadets, and I did not want them to miss out of this powerful developmental opportunity," DeGroat said.

That's where the Black Lions stepped in. DeGroat met Lt. Col. Patrick Frank, 1st Bn., 28th Inf., commander, at a military lecture at the university and Frank offered the battalion's help if the ROTC program was ever in need. When CTLT slots were reduced or cancelled, DeGroat contacted Frank and the partnership began.

"The Black Lions are fortunate to have established a relationship with the KSU Army ROTC program that will provide positive leadership experiences for our Soldiers in the future," Frank said.

Academic juniors participate in the two- to three-week CTLT Program during the summer months with an active Army unit. It's a type of internship. The cadets are assigned to a unit and shadow an experienced lieutenant to learn what it's like as a junior officer. The battalion also will host five cadets from the U.S. Military



Post/Stairrett

Kansas State University ROTC Cadet Donald Indermuehle (left) listens as Soldiers from 1st Platoon, Co. A, 1st Bn., 28th Inf., conduct an after action review following a squad ambush live-fire May 16. The cadet shadowed 1st Lt. Quentin Marable (second from left).

Academy May 30 to June 28 through the CTLT program.

Cadet Chuck Sexton's father, Lt. Col. Charles Sexton, and bat-

alongside his former colleague's son during squad live-fire exercises in a Fort Riley training area. Sexton wants to follow in his father's footsteps as an infantry officer. The lieutenant colonel serves in the Office of the Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe.

Cadet Sexton said the CTLT program with 1st Bn., 28th Inf., was a great learning experience.

"We get to do, every once in a while, a field training exercise for ROTC, but it's nothing like this," he said. "We don't get to use live ammunition. We don't get to see every step of the process — the building from the beginning. We learn how to do it, but we don't get to see it again and again ... and the repetition helps."

The K-State cadets were exposed to "life as a platoon leader," Frank said, an invaluable

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Soldier found guilty of charges

On May 22, Pvt. Erick Vega was tried at a General Court-Martial at Fort Riley and found guilty of one charge of indecent acts and one charge of wrongful use of cocaine.

The military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$849 pay per month for six months, to be confined for six months and to be discharged from the service with a Bad-Conduct Discharge.

Armor battalion reorganizes

Fort Riley's 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, conducted a reorganization ceremony at 9:30 a.m. June 1 outside the unit's headquarters building on Custer Hill.

The unit will reorganize from its current configuration as a tank battalion into two security force companies for deployment to Iraq. It also will activate six training companies for Fort Riley's new transition training mission, said Maj. Matthew Moore, battalion S3.

As part of the military transition team mission, the battalion will activate four small companies - Companies D, E, F and G - and reorganize Company A and Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Companies B and C are scheduled to deploy to Iraq in September 2006.

Security Course offered at Riley's

The DSEC is holding its semi-annual Security Managers Orientation Course for all S2 Personnel and Security Managers from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 26-27 at Riley's Conference Center.

For more information contact Pete Paras at 239-3607.

Post's best

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Battalion, earned post Soldier of the Quarter honors. She competed as the 1st Brigade Combat Team Soldier of the Quarter.

Other brigade and separate battalion Soldiers of the quarter were post runner-up Spc. Michelle Diaz of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion; Spc. Phillip McFarland, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 3rd Brigade Combat Team; Spc. Timothy Stephens, 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; Spc. Daniel Row, 977th Military Police Company, 97th Military Police Battalion; and Spc. Lola Logan, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity.

Logan could not participate in the ceremony.

Sgt. John Gaston of the 116th Military Police Company, 97th MP Bn., earned post Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter honors. He competed as the 97th MP Bn. NCO of the Quarter.

Other brigade and separate battalion NCOs of the Quarter were post runner-up Staff Sgt. Caleb Ekane of USA MEDDAC; Staff Sgt. Robert Shepherd of the 331st Signal Company, 1st BCT; Sgt. Sean Roberts of Company C, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 3rd BCT; Staff Sgt. Juan Pepi of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th IBCT; and Sgt. David Peterson of 24th Transportation Company, 541st CSSB.

Dinardi's smile beamed across the audience of Soldiers and civilians present to extend their congratulations at the end of the ceremony.

mony. "I love it," she said about the competition and being named post Soldier of the Quarter.

"It was a lot of hard work, but the preparation paid off in the end," she said, referring to an armload of prizes presented the winners by area businesses and the free use of a new car for 30 days for her and Gaston, courtesy of a Junction City car dealer.

"It's gotten me promoted," she

Runners-up



Staff Sgt. Caleb Ekane



Spc. Michelle Diaz

added.

Dinardi said she didn't win the post title alone. "I got a lot of help from my NCOs with studying and PT (physical training). I learned what good leadership is all about."

Gaston

said he's no stranger to the board process that resulted in his selection as the top sergeant or staff sergeant on post for the third quarter. "I've been before quite a few boards," he said, mentioning

other Soldier evaluation and promotion boards.

One key to his success, Gaston said, was knowing how to talk to people and to keep his composure under pressure.

The post NCO of the Quarter board was the hardest board he has faced, Gaston said.

"On a couple of questions, I tried to take the easy out with 'I don't know' answers, but they kept prodding me till I gave an answer. I guess they got good answers" from me, he added.

Self-confidence is another important asset when going before a board, Gaston said.

That might be the biggest factor in a successful board appearance, he said, speaking from his experience in front of many boards.

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experience as cadets enter their senior year.

They gain a greater understanding of the demands on a platoon leader and what expectations the battalion has of that level leadership to prepare Soldiers for combat, he said.

Frank said each cadet partnered with a platoon leader and assisted the platoon in preparing for the live-fire exercises, conducting lengthy rehearsals and issuing operations orders.

Cadets also accompanied Company C to the 1st Infantry Division museum near Chicago for Armed Forces Day and helped prepare squads for a battalion physical training competition May 25.

Cadet Donald Indermuhle shadowed 1st Lt. Quenton Marable, a platoon leader in Co. A, during the live-fire exercises and said he learned a lot watching the interaction between the Soldiers and their platoon sergeant.

DeGroat said the training, personal experiences and organizational integration the cadets received generally surpassed the basic CTLT program.

"The Black Lions made this great program even better as the squad live-fire experience (was) a classic example of a higher order task that most CTLT cadets would not get to perform," he said.

Sexton said the most valuable

things he took away from the experience were the training time, familiarization with the weapons and "hanging around troops and learning how to be a Soldier."

Frank was willing to accommodate as many cadets as DeGroat could send and six, who were seriously considering service as infantry officers, were selected.

DeGroat said they were chosen based on credentials, academics, physical and training skills and moral courage to succeed in this venture.

The cadets also were chosen for their abilities to serve as role models to show the Soldiers that "ROTC cadets are not privileged college students but hardcore professionals like themselves," he said.

DeGroat said this was a "pioneering venture" between the battalion and the K-State ROTC program, and that it set another precedent for future integration.

"K-State and Fort Riley have grown up together historically, and this new partnership program is just another contemporary measure to help each other succeed in serving our people," he said.

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'Wildcat' cadets training with 'Black Lions'

KSU Cadets who participated in the Cadet Troop Leader Training program with 1st Bn., 28th Infantry were:

Alex Balk, a senior civil engineering student from Bethesda, Md. His father is in the Navy and in charge of the military diving program at the Pentagon. Balk wants to continue his service as an active duty infantry officer upon graduation.

Don Indermuhle, a senior in computer engineering from Milford, Kan. His father is an active duty armor officer and former S3 and executive officer of 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, at Fort Riley. Indermuhle is airborne and mountain warfare qualified and wants to serve as an active duty infantry officer after graduation.

Gary Kohlasch, a senior in political science, is from Hays, Kan. He has served two tours in Kosovo in a medical unit and serves in the 388th Medical Logistics Battalion. He is a Simultaneous Membership Program cadet with the U.S. Army Reserves. He wants to serve as an active duty officer.

Tyler Mantz, a senior in criminology from Overland Park, Kan. He has participated in the program for one year, plus ROTC basic camp. He wants to serve as an active duty infantry officer upon graduation.

Chuck Sexton, a senior in history from Friedberg, Germany. His father is an infantry colonel in Germany and former S3 and executive officer of the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, at Fort Riley. After graduation, he wants to serve as an active duty infantry officer.

Adam Zerr is a junior in business management from Junction City. He is the son of Bennie Zerr, a retired Fort Riley sergeant major. Zerr, who is airborne qualified, wants to continue his service as an active duty infantry officer.

Balk, Indermuhle and Zerr were assigned to Co. A, 1st Bn., 28th Inf., for the program and Kohlasch, Mantz and Sexton were assigned to Co. B.

Lt. Col. Arthur DeGroat has served as deputy division officer for the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, brigade operations officer for the 1st Brigade Combat Team and armor battalion operations officer and executive officer for the 1st Bn., 34th Armor, at Fort Riley.

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Battalion to get new commander

Lt. Col. Joel K. Tyler is scheduled to assume command of 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, at Fort Riley in a ceremony at 9 a.m. June 9 on Cavalry Parade Field.

He succeeds Lt. Col. Leopoldo Quintas Jr. who will be assigned as a student at the Naval War College.

Tyler previously served as senior command and control observer/trainer for Operations Group B in the Battle Command Training Program at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to King Field House.

Web site helps prep for board

WWW.MASTERTHE-BOARD.COM officially announced the launching of its Web site May 1.

The site was created by Sgt. Anthony Steele, currently assigned to the 742nd Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Meade, Md.

The site offers free online study assistance and was created by Steele to assist his fellow Soldiers in preparing for and excelling at their promotion boards.

Steele is an experienced "board professional" who has attended and won more than 20 boards by utilizing the techniques, topics and study practices found on his site.

Through his Web site, he is able to share his board knowledge and experience with Soldiers around the world.

Abuse policy adds breathing space

Victims now get more time to decide about filing unrestricted reports

By Heidi Paulson
KSU intern

Victims of domestic abuse in the U.S. Army community now have more time to decide whether to involve the military chain of command and law enforcement agencies, said Fort Riley Lead Victims Advocate Jill Shanteau.

"The new policy (effective April 22) allows a victim to file a restricted report with a victim advocate, victim advocate supervisor or health care provider," Shanteau said.

"It used to be that incidents on post involving Soldiers were immediately filed with law enforcement, but this policy makes it easier for victims to access more information about their options before initiating the investigative process," she said.

The policy states that restricted reporting is limited to victims of domestic violence who have reached the age of 18 or are married. It applies to active duty victims, family member spouses,

unmarried intimates of former or current active duty Soldiers and civilians and contractors eligible for military healthcare on a reimbursable basis.

The restricted report does not apply to cases of child abuse. If a child is suspected of being abused, the child abuse incident must be reported.

However, if a third party discloses the information to a commander, law enforcement officials and Family Advocacy Program representatives must be notified regardless of the victim's preference for making a restricted report.

The victim is limited in who she or he can talk to about the abuse and still be able to file a restricted report. The victim may talk with victim advocates, the FAP manager or military health care providers, including FAP clinical social workers and their supervisors without filing an unrestricted report.

Chaplains are not included in the list of individuals authorized to file a restricted report, but com-

munications with a chaplain may still be protected under Military Rules of Evidence.

"When people speak to a chaplain, they're speaking in a confidential manner," Shanteau said. "This new policy does not change how a chaplain responds to a domestic abuse report. They are able to refer victims of domestic abuse to victim advocates or any-

one else on the approved disclosure list with the understanding that the information will not be reported as long as the victim agrees to sign a victim's reporting preference statement."

There are pros and cons to unrestricted and restricted reports, Shanteau said.

"One limitation of an unrestricted report is that the inves-

tigative process is initiated regardless of whether or not the victim elects to file a report," she said. "A limitation to the restricted reporting option is law enforcement chain of command cannot intervene or take action in order to increase a victim's safety or hold an offender accountable for an incident of domestic abuse."

The policy states that a victim who receives appropriate care and treatment and is provided with an opportunity to make an informed decision is more likely to develop increased trust than his or her needs are of primary concern. The result may lead to a decision to change a restricted report to an unrestricted report.

"The Army wants to hold the offender accountable," Shanteau said. "The Army's hope is that victims will choose to convert a restricted report to an unrestricted report to allow chain of command and law enforcement the opportunity to take steps and measures to ensure the victim's safety as well."

Need to call for help?

Fort Riley domestic violence and sexual assault response line (24 hours) – (785) 307-1373

Fort Riley Victim Advocate Program – (785) 239-9435

Chaplains – (785) 239-4357

Irwin Army Community Hospital emergency room – (785) 239-7777

Military Police – (785) 239-MPMP (6767)

Local Police (on and off post) – 911

For confidential, free services, including safe shelter, call

The Crisis Center, Inc. (24 hours) – (800) 727-2785

Kansas Statewide Hotline – 1-888-END-ABUSE (363-2287)

National Domestic Violence Hotline – 1-800-799-SAFE

(7233)

Directorate honors workers

Top employee performance recognized

Staff report

The Directorate of Logistics honored excellent job performance of several employees at a monthly awards ceremony May 25.

Paulette Briestensky received the Superior Civilian Service Award. The award recognized "exceptionally superior service" as a supervisory budget analyst from November 1981 to February 2006.

Penny Hauserman, Stephen Havener and Gary Borchers received Meritorious Civilian Service Awards.

Her award recognized Hauser-

man for her performance as lead transportation assistant at Fort Riley from April 30, 2004, to Dec. 31, 2005. The citation accompanying the award cited her superior qualities as an innovator and pacesetter.

Havener's award recognized his service as deputy logistics officer from January 2003 to November 2005. The citation noted his exceptional managerial and leadership skills, stating they had contributed significantly to mission accomplishment.

Borchers' award recognized his service as a supervisory general supply specialist from August 2002 to February 2006. The citation accompanying the award

cited Borchers' exception managerial and leadership skills and willingness to share his institutional knowledge in order to ensure continuity of mission requirements.

Dennis Kuchler was named DOL Employee of the Month for May. Ron DeMelo and Mark Keehn were named DOL Employees of the Month for April.

On-The-Spot Awards went to Bruce Klaverweiden and Joe Wood.

Service pins went to Darreyn Airolodi for 30 years as of February 2006, to Lisa Belardo for 25 years as of February 2006 and Deborah Gray for 25 years as of April 2006.

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of 1st Bn., 16th Inf., and the training in progress on the range when the travel group arrived. After their introduction, the veterans and their spouses mingled with the crews and looked over one of the Humvees and other equipment.

SMART club member Sherwin Stielow tried on interceptor body armor, complete with plates, to see how it weighed up to the vests he knew as an Army Reserve first sergeant. Other club members held the body armor plates and spoke to Soldiers about their weapons.

"It's interesting to see this and how advanced the Army is now as compared to 20 years ago," said Joy Gum, member of the travel club and wife of an Air Force veteran.

The SMART club members weren't the only ones at the range that day learning something new. The Soldiers of 1st Bn., 16th Inf., who normally operate tracked Bradley Infantry Fighting vehicles, have been undergoing a transformation over the past few weeks to turn them into a motorized company rolling on rubber tires.

"We're beginning to train on 'Humvees' solely for our mission over there in Iraq," Snell said.

That day, Snell told the travel club the Soldiers were working on synchronizing the actions of the three-man crews – driver, gunner and truck commander – and working out their internal communications.

"They're getting practice moving that turret, getting onto the target, engaging it and moving on to the next one," Snell said. During the operation, the truck commander also controls his driver and gunner and reports to the convoy

SMART Club

The SMART Club is a recreational vehicle and camping club. It began in 1982 as an informal get-together of military buddies that now has 59 chapters in eight regions across the United States.

Besides two national "musters," or rallies, each year, the Kansas chapter holds a muster each month at different locations in Kansas and other areas. The Kansas chapter has 34 members and the SMART Club has more than 3,300 active members nationally.

Sherwin Stielow, Kansas chapter membership chairperson, said the group is attempting to start another Kansas chapter in the Fort Riley area. Those interested should contact him at 5425 186th Blvd., Russell, KS 67665, (785) 942-3275 or sslow@gorhamtel.com.

For SMART Club national information, visit www.smarttrving.net on the Web, send e-mail to rvsmart-trvl@cs.com or call (800) 354-7681.

commander, which in this case was the tower.

The next two 1st Brigade-directed training exercises for Company B and the six other 1st Bde. companies scheduled to deploy as security forces in the fall are a squad-level convoy escort training exercise and a squad convoy live-fire exercise. Squads consisting of five gun

trucks will drive through the gates of Fort Riley and around the post, escorting seven to 10 logistical vehicles during the convoy escort training exercise.

Capt. Matthew Johnson, 1st Bde. assistant S3, said the purpose of taking the convoys off post is so they'll be able to travel longer distances at greater speeds.

"One of the other reasons is to interact with traffic," Johnson explained. "When they're in Iraq, Iraqis are going to jump into their convoy. The goal is to give them a general idea of what it's going to be like to be in a convoy with traffic and to identify any complications that may arise while they're doing that."

After completing their foray off post, the squads will return to post for combat maneuvers that will force them to react and make decisions, Johnson said.

The Soldiers will complete a 10- to 12-kilometer route on post for their third training session, the squad convoy live-fire. The Soldiers will have to react to pop-up targets, simulated improvised explosive devices and small arms fire along the route. While driving the route and reacting to attacks, the Soldiers will have to maintain protection for their logistical convoy.

Although 1st Bde. has directed the three security force trainings for the deploying Soldiers, battalions have chosen to conduct additional squad training during off-weeks, Johnson said. Off-week training includes IED classes, individual weapons qualifications and firing on small arms ranges.

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Members of the SMART Club listen as a gunner from Co. B, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., explains his weapon. The veterans watched the Soldiers train May 19 at Range 18.

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Riley Roundtable

This week's question:

How do you think the new policy on drivers using cell phones can be enforced at Fort Riley?



"I don't think so. It's kind of like any other law - you can do it as long as you don't get caught. I think it's dumb personally."

Cameron Conway
High school student
Hometown: Waikiki, Hawaii



"It's pretty easy to see if someone's driving with a cell phone."

Spc. Rickey Harris
Tanker
1st Battalion, 34th Armor
Hometown: Rochester, N.Y.



"I'm pretty sure it is enforceable, but I'm not sure how. Actually, I don't spend much time on post. I'm sure for these first couple of months the MPs are going to keep their eyes on it pretty closely."

Heidi Hathaway
Spouse of retired first sergeant
Hometown: Manhattan, Kan.



"It might be enforceable, but I don't want it to be. I want to know what is causing this law. Either they need to ban it period or abandon it."

Tonja Hicks
Upper Iowa University student
Hometown: Junction City, Kan.



"Seeing as how I don't really talk too much on a cell phone, I don't really care. But if it's an emergency, as long as you're careful, I don't see a problem with it. It's not really enforceable anyway."

Shawn Malone
High school student
Son of retired reservist
Hometown: Junction City, Kan.

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By Vanita Fiedler
Installation Safety Office

Parents and caregivers will be the first to confirm there is nothing on earth as precious as the safety and health of their child. Yet across the United States, we will read articles, hear news reports and even witness the gamble people take with the safety and health of their children.

Many actions can have tragic results because of the complacency we develop in our daily routines. One that every adult cringes over is the death of a child left unattended in a car. According to the "Kids In Cars" organization, 92 incidents of children left unattended in cars have involved 111 children and resulted in 11 fatalities so far in 2006. In 2005 there were 149 fatalities in 424 reported incidents

involving children left unattended in cars.

The most common factor in these deaths was extreme temperatures that occurred in the vehicle.

Often, a parent will need to run into a store for what they believe will be only a minute, so they leave the child unattended in the vehicle. However, in just 10 minutes, the temperatures inside a vehicle can climb to more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Children are particularly vulnerable to heat stroke and heat exhaustion, two common forms of hyperthermia. Children's bodies are not able to manage heat as efficiently as adults.

The first noticeable symptoms of hyperthermia are red and dry skin. Eventually, the child's body becomes unable to produce sweat, a necessary temperature-cooling mechanism. Finally, there is an elevated heart rate

accompanied by confusion and gradual loss of consciousness.

Other hazards associated with leaving children unattended in cars are often overlooked.

Several children have lost their life by entrapping their head in the automatic car window. Children have been kidnapped during a vehicle theft while left unattended in a vehicle and lost their lives at the hands of a criminal.

Other children have been left in vehicles with the motor running, and the child has attempted to drive the vehicle, injuring themselves and other children.

The hazards are great and so is the emotional toll that these families have experienced. In the majority of these cases, the families are wonderful people that did not recognize the hazards.

Children should always be supervised, especially in and

around vehicles. It only takes a second to alter the lives of well-intentioned families permanently.

If you witness a child left unattended in a vehicle, contact the authorities immediately. Hesitation could result in the death of a child. The frustration a parent or caregiver will experience from dealing with authorities over the incident is not even comparable to the life of heartache they could experience if no action is taken.

If you would like more information regarding this topic, visit the "Kid In Cars" Web site at www.kidsincars.org. This Web site provides resources for families that have lost a child because of vehicle related incidents and information on support groups.

The Web site also provides current statistics and stories that will motivate individuals to consider the hazards of leaving a child unattended in a vehicle.

Protecting children

Minutes in hot car can kill children

Letter to editor

Post ad sends wrong message on pets

I am writing in regard to an ad for The Daily Union classifieds that appeared in the May 26 edition of the Fort Riley Post. The ad depicts a fading picture of a dog with the words "How to make your pet disappear..." underneath.

As a former U.S. Army animal care specialist and a current veterinary assistant, I find this ad to be in extremely poor taste and judgment.

For the entirety of my veterinary career, I have fought daily against the idea that animals are as disposable as cars or other household items. It would be impossible to say how many animals I have personally euthanized or help euthanize as a result of this attitude, one which is unfortunately very prominent among the military community.

Soldiers and their families who are prospective animal lovers who have spent time in places like Germany will tell you that it's very difficult to adopt animals abroad because this attitude that Americans consider their pets to be disposable items has preceded them.

This ad serves as a reflection and encouragement of the idea that animals can be gotten rid of as soon as inconvenience allows. There are situations when certain people or families can no longer keep an animal and this is indeed a sad situation.

Legitimately concerned owners will go to any lengths to find a good home for a pet they can no longer care for. Indeed, I would also say that anyone who takes the time and energy to

advertise the fact that they need a home for their animal is extending far more effort than those who simply drop them off at a stray facility or worse yet, simply let them go or tie or box them up somewhere and simply turn their backs.

The Fort Riley Post recently featured a story about such a pet that was left in just such a situation. It is a mar on both publications that this ad would be considered respectable.

It is unfathomable and unacceptable how many animals are abandoned and given up when it comes time to PCS or ETS. They are viewed as too much an inconvenience or too expensive to move with other goods and left behind to uncertain futures.

Too often, animals are acquired without due research into the requirements of their proper care and when not properly trained are simply labeled as too difficult to deal with and are turned in to a stray facility or just given up like a toy that a child no longer wants to play with.

From a military point of view, I cannot be convinced that a military life with pets is too difficult. I have known and worked with various military personnel who have PCS'ed and taken their entire farm operations with them, livestock and all.

Owning an animal requires the same level of care and commitment that one would give to any other member of the family. If there is any doubt as to the ability to provide this care, then no pets should enter that household.

Samantha Groom

In response:

Samantha, I agree with you about the importance pet owners should place in caring for their animals and, having been a pet owner while in the military, know that pets can be moved with a family, although it takes special arrangements. We did it twice, to and from an overseas assignment, and friends of ours did it more times than that.

Your displeasure with the ad may be a little too harsh. All that

ad really implies is, if you need to find a new home for a pet, the paper's classified advertising can help the advertiser find a new owner. Please consider the context of the advertising messages appearing in the Post and interpret them as endorsements to what you, and I, would consider an unacceptable idea. The ad you have singled out does not advocate the simple notion of getting rid of pets when you're tired of them.

Mike Heronemus, editor

Grunt By Wayne Ulden





Post, Army news briefly

\$1,000 reward offered

For information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the larceny of a white 2006 Yamaha YFM700R/VW, all-terrain vehicle, vehicle identification number (VIN) JY4AM07Y36C018342, and a black utility trailer, serial number 2000, from the parking lot adjacent to Building 7224 at Fort Riley.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is urged to call the Fort Riley CID office at (785) 239-3931, or the Military Police at (785) 239-6767.

Delta Force recruiter to visit

1st SFOD-DELTA (Delta Force) recruiting team will visit Fort Riley on June 6. Please make plans to attend one of the following briefings to learn about possible career opportunities and information. All MOS's are encouraged to attend due to the diverse nature of the unit's capabilities.

Briefing times are 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. June 6 at Riley's Conference Center in the lower level.

For more information, send email to sof6.recruiter@us.army.mil

Army offers \$1,000 reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the racially motivated bomb threats directed toward the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Riley between February and April of 2006. Anyone with information concerning this incident should call Special Agent Jeff Lasley of the Fort Riley CID office at (785) 239-3931.

VA works to prevent more data loss

By Samantha L. Quigley
AFPS

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs has begun a thorough examination of policies and procedures after the loss of 26.5 million veterans' personal information, the VA's leader told the House Armed Services Committee May 25.

"I've formed a task force ... to examine comprehensively all of our information security programs and policies to bring about a change in the way we do business," R. James Nicholson said.

His testimony followed the May 22 announcement that a Veterans Affairs employee had taken electronic data home with him, though he was unauthorized to do so. The information was stolen when his house was burglarized May 3, though Nicholson was not made aware of the loss until May 16.

The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of a full-scale investigation, Nicholson said.

VA leader begins immediate review

To prevent a recurrence, Nicholson told the committee he has initiated an immediate review all current positions requiring access to sensitive data. Those who need that access will be required to undergo updated law enforcement and background checks.

Employees also must complete cybersecurity awareness training

By Judd C. Anstey
AAFES

DALLAS – Widespread reports concerning identity theft have prompted many past and present military members to re-evaluate the security of their personal information. As recent news reports have highlighted, data such as Social Security numbers, passwords and birthdates must be closely guarded in a digital world.

"Whether active duty or retired, it's very important to keep a close eye on your financial statements to make sure there aren't any unexpected charges or other extraordinary activity," said Army and Air Force Exchange Service Chief Financial Officer Mike Howard. "With that said, unless suspicious activity has been found, there's really no reason to close credit cards or bank accounts."

With more than 1.4 million accounts, the military exchanges' proprietary Military STAR® credit card relies on a variety of safeguards to ensure its cardholders' privacy is secure. Used worldwide at Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard exchanges, this all-services card has become a trusted tool for troops shopping in military exchanges from Baghdad to Fort Bragg.

"We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our cardholders to those asso-

ciated with a policy and a regulatory regime that make clear what is proper use of data by our employees," he said. "We will train employees in these policies and enforce them."

Nicholson has directed the department's information and technology office to review the

ciates who have a need to know for the performance of their duties," Howard said. "We maintain strict physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to guard nonpublic personal information."

In the event that personal information is compromised, the Federal Trade Commission recommends the following actions should be immediately taken:

Step 1 – Contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus:

Equifax: (800) 525-6285; www.equifax.com; P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241

Experian: (888) EXPERIAN (397-3742); www.experian.com; P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013

TransUnion: (800) 680-7289; www.transunion.com; Fraud Victim Assistance Division, P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834-6790

Step 2 – Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

Step 3 – File a report with local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.

Step 4 – File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by contacting the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline by telephone: (877) 438-4338, online at www.consumer.gov/idtheft, or by mail at Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580.

ciated with the affected veterans, he said. They will be notified by individual letter, Nicholson said during the May 22 announcement.

The data stolen from the employees' home contained the names and birth dates of 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as Social Security numbers for 19.6 million veterans, he told the committee. Also, some data lost could include numerical disability ratings and the diagnostic codes identifying disabilities being compensated.

"It is important to note that the data did not include any of the VA's electronic health records," Nicholson said. "Neither did it contain explicit financial information, although knowing a disability rating could enable one to compute what the implied terms of compensation payments are."

VA working with credit bureaus

The VA also is working with the three major credit bureaus, and all three – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – have simplified the process for veterans requesting a fraud alert.

Concerned veterans also can get more information by calling (800) 333-4636 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, Monday through Saturday to reach the manned call center. They can also visit www.firstgov.gov on the Web.

The Federal Trade Commission is encouraging veterans to report suspected incidents of identity theft via the commission's identity-theft hotline at (877) 438-4338.

Committee reviews military compensation system

By Kathleen T. Rhem
AFPS

WASHINGTON – A yearlong review of total military compensation could eventually result in streamlined allowances and a fundamental shift in thinking on how the uniformed services pay members and retirees.

The war on terrorism "focuses our efforts in ensuring we do the right things by the folks we are deploying," retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Jan D. "Denny" Eakle said in an interview May 24.

Eakle heads the 10th Quadrennial Review of Military Compen-

sation, which got under way April 1. This review will focus on five main areas:

- Ensuring the compensation system supports an adequate supply of military personnel with the abilities and experience to meet national security objectives;
- Maintaining quality of life for military personnel and their families;
- Re-evaluating special and incentive pays to enhance service flexibility;
- Assessing the need for more flexible recruiting and retention authorities; and
- Reviewing the retirement sys-

tem. One of the most dramatic issues being looked at has to do with how the department figures active vs. retired pay.

She noted that employees are "vested" in their retirement programs at five years in most civilian corporations. However, military retirees generally must serve 20 years before being eligible for any percentage of retired pay.

The recently concluded Defense Advisory Committee on Military Compensation recommended in February that members be vested at 10 rather than 20 years and that retirement pay-

ments be graduated ranging from 25 percent of base pay at 10 years to 100 percent of base pay at 40 years.

The group also recommended that the government contribute 5 to 10 percent of base pay to military members' Thrift Savings Plans, as is the case for federal civilians.

This committee's recommendations serve as a starting point for the quadrennial review. Eakle explained that the purpose of her review is now to take these recommendations and look at their implications on the ability of the services to recruit and retain per-

sonnel and to further develop them to enable them to be effective for the services.

She said any recommendations would be implemented "several years" in the future because it would take time to work out details and, in some cases, legislation would need to be changed.

"No current retiree or current military member would be affected by the changes ... we may recommend," she said. "But you could end up with a system where there would be less in the retired pay because we would bring it forward and pay it to the individual while they are serving."

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Infantry awaits commander

The 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, will conduct a battalion change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. June 7.

The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. David Batchelor. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Christopher Becker.

Public Works slates training

Environmental Team Training: Environmental Team training certifies environmental team leaders and members on how to safely handle hazardous materials and waste handling as well as spill responses at the unit level. Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties. For more information or to enroll in this class, call 239-0446 or check with your battalion schools non-commissioned officer.

Class begins at 9 a.m. each day, June 5-6 and 19-20 in Room 6, Building 407. The course lasts two days.

Severe weather training offered

Members of the Fort Riley Installation Safety Office are available for severe weather safety training. Training covers indicators of severe weather, developing emergency action plans and other safety tips.

To arrange a class date, time and location, call the safety office at 239-2514.

4th Brigade riders practice safety

By Robert K. Timmons
4th IBCT PAO

Forty motorcycles roared in unison May 22 as 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team riders came together at Camp Forsyth to increase brigade safety awareness in a motorcycle mentorship and ride along.

"There have been 28 deaths Army-wide from motorcycle accidents from people doing dumb (stuff)," said Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Jim B. Champagne. "We are at war and cannot afford to lose Soldiers to needless endangerment."

The motorcycle mentorship program was created using guidance from Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, Army chief of staff, and Gen. Dan K. McNeill, commanding general, U.S. Forces Command, said Champagne, who has been riding for three years.

"We decided to move forward and started our mentorship program," he added. "We figured what better way to do it than to ask every rider in the brigade to come to a brigade-run experienced rider course."

Event part of 3-phase program

The event was part of a three-phase operation, said Eric Washington, 4th IBCT tactical safety and occupational health specialist.

"The objectives were to identify those riders in the brigade who want to ride and who have not been to the beginner's riders course; secondly to get those who have been to the beginner's course or experienced rider's course; and finally to set up a mentor/coach program in all the battalions," Washington said.

Champagne said the training was important to the welfare of the brigade.

"As an Army, we focus on combat safety and training safety. Even though we do cover safety through risk mitigation of motor-

cycle riding, I don't think we focus enough on (motorcycle) training. The more these Soldiers come out here to ride, the more confident they are going to be in their basic riding skills."

Sgt. Maj. Ray Lewis, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, operations sergeant major and a qualified Motorcycle Safety Federation instructor, said he enjoyed giving the training.

"When I was over in Germany, they tasked military guys to go to the riders/coach course and it was duty time and Soldiers were teaching Soldiers. When I first got here, there were contractors teaching the course, but when Command Sgt. Major Champagne asked me to do one for the brigade in general, I jumped all over it."

During the training, Lewis had the bikers do preventative checks on their rides and ride on various courses simulating real world conditions, such as slalom, turning and stopping quickly.

To become an experienced rider, Soldiers must show proficiency in riding their bikes, he said. When they go to the basic course, they ride one of the other smaller bikes, he said. "When they come for the experienced rider course, they have to be on their motorcycle and ride at their level for that particular bike," he said.

"Some Soldiers arrive here with 1450cc Harley Davidson motorcycles," he said. "A guy takes the basic course on a little loaner bike; when he comes out for the experienced course, he is testing his skills on a bigger bike. He will leave here with confidence in riding his particular bike."

"We use our own bikes. They are much bigger and faster. My bike weighs about 400 pounds," said Spc. James Estep, an infantryman with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, who rides a Suzuki GSXR



4th IBCT Photo

Fourth IBCT Soldiers participating in the brigade's motorcycle mentorship program, stare straight ahead while waiting their turns to ride onto the experienced riders course May 22 in Camp Forsyth.

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The course used during the event was more difficult than the basic course, Estep said.

"It's different," the four-year rider said. "It's really hard with really big bikes swerving through these cones because it's got so much power, especially at slow speeds. It gets us to learn our bikes better."

Class helps new riders trust bikes

He said the class also helped the less experienced bikers trust their bikes.

"If you are going around a curve and you think the bike is gonna fall and try to jerk out of it, you either go straight slide off the curve and crash into a wall or fall and drop your bike. You have to trust that your bike is gonna go all

the way through the curve as much as you lean into it.

The course also helped build the brigade team.

"It's what it's all about,"

Champagne said. "Where you have experienced motorcycle riders and those who are just learning to ride, you have a diversity of experience and as they come together they have a common forum to bond in."

Lewis said he agreed.

"Any time you bring bikers together, it builds esprit de corps within the group. By bringing out all the brigade riders together, it builds up the group," he said.

"What we are doing is pairing up the experienced riders with those who aren't so experienced, and they take rides together and it builds spirit."

Estep said he liked the idea that only 4th IBCT Soldiers were at the class. "Right now, it's just me

and a friend riding around and now I get to meet a lot of other people to see who has bikes and who wants to ride," he said.

"I think it's great; I think everybody should take the course," said Sgt. Richard Copeland, a vehicle driver with Company A, 610th Brigade Support Battalion. "Even if you have been riding for many years, it doesn't hurt to learn more stuff. Even when you are driving you do the same things, like looking out for other riders. I think everyone should take it."

Copeland, who has been riding since he was 14 years old, said he loved the idea of having unit-level rides. "It means we all get to ride together," he said emphatically. "Just think all of us riding together, everybody in the unit getting to know each other, getting to know all the sergeants major. I think it's great."





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PW schedules picnic, awards

The Directorate of Public Works will conduct its annual organization day picnic and awards ceremony for employees and their families June 16. Minimal staffing will be maintained in the directorate from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day. For more information, call Dee Royse at 239-3906.

Riley's offers lunch buffets

Riley's Conference Center offers a lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is \$6.50.

Rifle company commanders complete brigade certification

4th IBCT

Rifle company commanders of 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, recently had an opportunity to display their tactical expertise and planning proficiency during the final phase of the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Company Commander Certification Program.

On April 25, commanders Capt. Brett Hamilton, Capt. Brian Duote and Capt. Eric Prihyla completed the brigade's live-fire exercise Development brief.

With an audience including 4th IBCT Commander Col. Ricky Gibbs; 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery, Commander Lt. Col. Greg Gadson; and 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, Commander Lt. Col. Patrick Frank his battalion

fire support officer, company commanders walked and talked their way through an entire company attack in tremendous detail.

Every aspect of the live-fire exercise was briefed and evaluated.

The officers started with the enforcement of comprehensive safety standards at the assembly area, continued to schemes of maneuver for each platoon and explained the integration multiple indirect fire systems, such as mortars and artillery.

The commanders began their walk across the course with maps and illustrated plans in hand while a team of first sergeants and company FSOs followed close behind, motioned to the first sergeants and re-emphasized. "Commanders, these are your 'Ranger Buddies'

and your primary source of knowledge. Use them."

While Gibbs continued to discuss ground maneuvers with the commanders, Gadson spoke with the young artillery officers about their fires plans and the importance of keeping things simple. "Just paint a picture of your plan and let us do the math," he told them.

After a few hours of competent briefing and maneuvering, the company commanders stood on top of their objective and received words of approval.

Upon completion of the demanding final phase of the company commander certification, Gibbs approved each officer to command within the brigade combat team.

Governor signs military tax break

By Nicole Corcoran
Press secretary

Kansans will be able to help military families in need simply by checking a box on their tax returns as a result of a measure signed into law by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius May 22.

Sebelius called for the military families tax check-off in her state of the state address earlier this year.

"Kansas has a long, proud military tradition, and Kansans are strong supporters of our military men and women. Now, every Kansan will have the option of assisting military families in need simply by

checking a box on his or her tax return," Sebelius said.

"This is a great way for us to say 'thank you' to the men and women who defend our nation," Sebelius continued.

Proceeds will be used for helping military families defray the costs of food, housing, utilities and medical services incurred when a member is on active military duty.

SB 432 also allows income tax credits for employers who hire returning members of the Kansas Army and Air National Guard or members of a Kansas reserve unit who were federally activated and deployed after Aug. 7, 1990.

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Last 'Buffalo Soldier' in region donates to AER drive

Money comes from remaining funds in local chapter of 9th, 10th Cavalry Association

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

When Albert Curly served in the U.S. Army in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, the Soldiers "took care of their own." Now, as treasurer of the Junction City, Fort Riley and Manhattan chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association and the only remaining member in the area, Curly donated the chapter's funds to an organization that is an extension of that philosophy.

Curly, the area's remaining "Buffalo Soldier" presented \$783.50 to Fort Riley's Army Emergency Relief fund May 25. Judith Kaye Moseley, Fort Riley's AER program manager, said she liked to think of the fund as a continuation of taking care of one's own.

His association's area chapter has declined and can't get new members, curly said. He decided to donate the money to AER so it could be put to use instead of sitting dormant.

"I thought this would be good use of it rather than let it be turned over to the state," he said.

Curly presented the check in Building 500, the same place he took a physical 66 years ago when he enlisted in the Army. Back then, the building was a hospital. Curly retired as a first sergeant in March 1969.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble has known Curly



Post/Stairret

Judith Moseley, AER financial readiness program manager, and James Wade, AER loan officer, look at a "Buffalo Soldier" coin that Albert Curly (right) gave Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. James Noble May 25.

since 2002, and said Curly never misses a chance to pass on the history of the Buffalo Soldiers to people. The check presentation ceremony was no exception.

“Buffalo Soldiers” was a term given to members of the all-black 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments. Curly said the name was

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have sufficient clothing. The Buffalo Soldiers also had to deal with inadequate equipment and food. Despite that, the units had the lowest desertion rate in the Army.

The Buffalo Soldiers took care of their own, Curly said, even though they only made \$19.25 per month. The Soldiers' base pay was \$21, but \$1.75 was taken out for a laundry fee.

Curly will turn 84 next month and recounted dates and events from his time in the Army with ease. He described the marriage process (officers would interview fiancées and their family), Buffalo Soldier horse shows and riding demonstrations and the time the Soldiers tried to teach boxer Joe Louis how to play polo.

“(Curley is) history that’s looking you in the face,” Noble said. Noble became interested in the

Noble became interested in the Buffalo Soldiers when he researched their history while attending the U.S. Army Sergeant Major's Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas. He met Curly and his wife a year after arriving at Fort Riley.

Buffalo Soldier donation

The donation was made on behalf of the following deceased members of the Junction City, Fort Riley and Manhattan chapter of the 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association:

Trooper Samuel G. Kimble, Troop A, 9th (Horse) Cavalry Regiment, 1940-1944

Trooper James P. Meigs, Jr., Troop A, 9th (Horse) Cavalry Regiment, 1937-1940

*Capt. Edwin H. Schoenbeck, Troop E, 10th (Horse) Cavalry
Regiment, 1942-1944*

Maj. Raymond A Wells, member, 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Regiment's Buffalo Soldier Memorial Committee
Chief Warrant Officer Bobby L. Whitten Sr., president, 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Regiment's Buffalo Soldier Memorial Committee

and has since learned a lot from Curley. Still, the veteran bowled over Noble May 25 when he handed him a 9th and 10th (Horse) Cavalry Association coin. Noble proudly admired it and exclaimed, "I didn't even know you had a coin!"

"He definitely surprised me on that one," he said after the Curlys left.

Amanda Kim Stairrett can be contacted at amanda.kim.stairrett@riley.army.mil or 239-3328.

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Sports news in brief

Pool, gym activities listed

June 4 – 2-4 p.m., Riley Wheels at King Field House, family skate. \$1 for each ID card holder.

June 5 – 9-10 a.m., King Field House, spinning; noon to 1 p.m., King Field House, Yoga; 4:30-5:30 p.m., King Field House, turbo kick; 5:45-6:30 p.m., Eyster Pool, abs, buns and thighs; 5:45-6:45 p.m., King Field House, total body toning.

June 6 – 6:30-7:30 a.m., King Field House, PT power time; 9:30-10:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; 5-6 p.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; 6-7 p.m., King Field House, spinning.

June 7 – 9-10 a.m., King Field House, spinning; 5:45-6:30 p.m., Eyster Pool, abs, buns and thighs.

June 8 – 6:30-7:30 a.m., King Field House, spinning; 9:30-10:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; noon to 1 p.m., King Field House, Yoga; 3:30-4:30 p.m., King Field House, spinning class; 5-6 p.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; 6-7 p.m., King Field House, spinning.

June 9 – 9-10 a.m., King Field House, turbo kick; 4:30-5:30 p.m., King Field House, spinning class; 5:45-6:45 p.m., King Field House, cardio pump.

For more information, call 239-2813.

Programs need rowing coaches

The Kansas State Men's and Manhattan High School boys' and girls' rowing programs need coaches with a rowing background. Both programs row on Tuttle Creek Reservoir from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. each weekday afternoon. The teams travel to about five regattas in the fall and six in the spring.

A summer rowing program for experienced rowers and newcomers will begin June 5 and continue through July. Sessions will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Anyone with rowing experience, time for coaching and dedication to the sport should call Al Koch at 313-2902 for more information.

Aikido classes to be offered

Aikido instruction will be offered by Daniel Hayes from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays in Long Fitness Center on Custer Hill. All Soldiers and Department of Defense family members 18 and older can participate.

For more information, call Sgt. William Kinsman at 239-5716 or staff members at King Field House or send e-mail to william.kinsman@riley.army.mil.

Personal trainer available on post

A personal trainer is available by appointment for exercise sessions at King Field House.

A 60-minute session costs \$20. A 60-minute session for two people costs \$30.

To set up an appointment, call 313-3165.

All-Army champ checks 11 mates

By Tim Hipps
Army News Service

FORT MYER, Va. — Second Lt. Arthur Macaspac said "killer instinct" was his key to victory in the 2006 All-Army Chess Championships May 15-19 at the Fort Myer Community Center.

A chemical officer from Fort Hood, Texas, Macaspac prevailed in one of the closest finishes in the tournament's 47-year history. Only two points separated the top seven finishers.

A second-year Soldier armed with a decade of Navy service, Macaspac posted five victories and six draws but did not lose a game. His eight points were enough to triumph over 11 other Army chess aficionados.

"I think I have a killer instinct," Macaspac said. "I want to win. Some people here are very good but I didn't see their want to win as bad."

Five-time All-Army runner-up Lt. Col. David Hater also escaped unscathed, but three victories and

eight draws — including a stalemate against Macaspac — left him in second place with seven points.

"Second five times and three other times," Hater lamented about his dozen tournament appearances that left him feeling like the perennial bridesmaid of All-Army chess. "I've had my chances lots of years but you've got to win games that you're winning. If you let your opponents escape it will come back to haunt you. And it did. It's not the first time and it probably won't be the

last, unfortunately."

Offering escape routes to Macaspac is a bad idea, competitors agreed.

"I could have lost to Col. Hater but he set up for a draw because of time constraints," said Macaspac, who clinched the tournament crown with a victory over Lt. Col. Michael Cerezo in the 10th of 11 games.

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey McAlcer of Camp Humphreys, Korea, took third place with 6.5 points. The All-Army champion in 1993,

McAlcer has competed in the tourney 13 times.

"It's something you look forward to every year," said McAlcer, a chemical operations specialist. "This is my vacation. Is it still fun? It is stressful. You worry about this game and that game and all the scenarios. It puts the pressure on but that's good for you."

McAlcer was impressed by Macaspac's All-Army debut.

"He really is a very solid player."

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Winning big

Errors cost Co. F win by 20 runs

By Amanda Kim Stairrett
Staff writer

Company F, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, had several setbacks during its 24-4 loss against Co. G, 610th BSB, May 24: poor fielding, a cussing catcher who was thrown out of the game and an enthusiastic Co. G cheerleader.

Co. F outfielders missed numerous opportunities for easy outs — a string of lobbed fly balls and ground balls which led to home runs for Co. G. The team's infielders contributed to the sloppy fielding — missed line drives and a key play at home where a Co. G runner scored while the catcher stood 10 feet from home plate with the ball in hand, her back to the action.

She was a replacement for the team's original catcher, Torrey Leggett, who was thrown out by the umpire in the first inning after exasperatingly shouting out, "Catch the ****ing ball!"

Co. G's biggest supporter, Sgt. 1st Class Dawn Wine, didn't do a lot of trash talking from the stands but offered encouragement for her team.

"Get a home run and you don't have to come in until 9," she shouted to one of her Soldiers.

"Hit him in and you don't have to come in until 9:05," she yelled to another.

As Co. G players continued to hit solidly and round the bases, the offers got better — 9:30 to 10 to 10:05.

The score was 12 to 3 at the end of the first inning and it looked like Wine's Soldiers wouldn't report for duty until late the next morning. Co. G went on to score 10 more runs in the second, but were held to two in the third.

Co. F scored three of its four runs in the

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David Howard, left-center fielder for Co. G, 610th BSB, attempts to catch a fly ball late in the game against Co. F, 610th BSB, May 24. Matthew Smith, left fielder, backs him up. Howard missed the ball, but his team won, 24 to 4.

Post/Stairrett

Copperheads hold claim on Fort Riley

Gibran Suleiman
Wildlife Biologist

There are many attributes that make Fort Riley a great place for training the men and women of America's Army. One aspect that many might overlook is the relative lack of threat from venomous snakes.

In fact there has only been one species of venomous snake ever documented on Fort Riley, it is the copperhead. The timber rattlesnake and the massasauga rattlesnake have been documented near Fort Riley, but never within the Fort's boundaries.

Copperheads are distinctive in their looks. They have 7-20 light-edged brownish cross bands on their back and sides. Their pupils are elliptical, similar to a cat eye, and all copperheads have a small heat-sensing pit towards the tip of the head, which is used for

thermal imaging. Copperheads do not have any kind of rattle on their tail, but can vibrate the tip of their tail when aggravated. They also emit a strong smelling musk when aggravated. When compared to many non-venomous snakes, copperheads are relatively heavy bodied. Adult copperheads typically achieve lengths of 2-3 feet. Copperheads eat a variety of prey items. They are particularly fond of rodents, frogs and cicadas.

Fort Riley is located at the extreme western border of the copperhead's range. Surprisingly, copperheads are relatively common on Fort Riley. Several individual copperheads have been found during reptile surveys conducted by the Conservation Division. Due to their

secretive nature and quality camouflage copperheads can coexist near or in residential areas. They typically will remain undiscovered, but occasionally one is found near people's homes.

The venom of the copperhead is mild, and rarely fatal. There have not been any human fatalities from a copperhead bite reported in Kansas over the last fifty years. Of all venomous snakebites reported in the United States copperhead bites are the most commonly reported. This is primarily due to the large amount of urbanization that has occurred in the east and the fact that high densities of copperheads can be found near cities. Although rarely fatal, copperhead bites are painful. Besides the pain, swelling of the immedi-

ate area around the bite area will also be immediately obvious. Due to the swelling any tight fitting clothing or jewelry should be removed immediately after a bite occurs. A small percent of copperhead bites are dry bites, and no venom is injected. The most important thing to remember in the event of a bite is to get to a hospital CALMLY and SAFELY. Ideally a bite victim will want to have someone to drive them to the hospital. Since the venom of the copperhead is mild, there is no need to drive using excessive speed.

A live adult copperhead is kept on display at the Conservation Division's office (Building 1020), located across from Camp Funston. If you have any questions please call (785) 239-6211. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Softball scores

National League

May 16

Co. A, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, defeated HHC, 3rd Bde, 17-6
Co. C, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, defeated Co. C, 1st Bn, 41st Inf, 18-6
Co. C, 1st Bn, 13th Armor, defeated Btry, 4th Bn, 1st FA, 18-14
Co. C, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, defeated Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn, 21-10
Svc. Btry, 4th Bn, 1st FA, defeated 596th Sig, 22-1
2nd Bn, 4th Cav, defeated Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn, 17-5
Btry A, 2nd Bn, 32nd FA, defeated Co. B, 125th FSB, 19-18
596th Sig, defeated Co. A, 610th BSB, 30-4

HHC, 2nd Bn, 16th Inf, defeated Co. B, 610th BSB, 9-2
Co. D, 610th BSB, defeated Btry A, 2nd Bn, 32nd FA, 14-6
Co. G, 610th BSB, defeated Co. C, 610th BSB, 20-2
24th Trans, defeated Co. F, 610th BSB, 34-4
1st Maint. Co, defeated 2nd Bn, 2nd HET, 13-2
HHC, 2nd Bn, 16th Inf, defeated Co. C, 610th BSB, 19-13
3rd Bn, 362nd Armor/2nd Bde, 91st Div, defeated 12nd Chem Co, 16-8
Co. G, 610th BSB, defeated 3rd Bn, 362nd Armor/2nd Bde, 91st Div, 22-7

May 17

Co. C, 1st Bn, 41st Inf, defeated HHC, 3rd Bde, 9-5
Co. C, 1st Bn, 13th Armor, defeated Co. A, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, 19-4
Btry C, 4th Bn, 1st FA, defeated Co. C, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, 9-4
Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn, defeated Svc. Btry, 4th Bn, 1st FA, 18-9
Co. B, 125th FSB, defeated 596th Sig, 20-10
2nd Bn, 4th Cav, defeated HHC, 2nd Bn, 16th Inf, 15-3
Co. A, 610th BSB, defeated Btry A, 2nd Bn, 32nd FA, 12-10
Co. D, 610th BSB, defeated Co. C, 610th BSB, 15-3

May 18

Co. F, 610th BSB, won by forfeit from Co. E, 610th BSB
24th Trans, defeated Co. G, 610th BSB, 20-19
2nd Bn, 2nd HET, defeated 12nd Chem Co, 15-5
3rd Bn, 362nd Armor/2nd Bde, 91st Div, defeated 1st Maint. Co, 7-4
Co. C, 1st Bn, 13th Armor, defeated Co. C, 1st Bn, 41st Inf, 25-12
Co. A, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, defeated Co. C, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, 12-3
Btry, 4th Bn, 1st FA, defeated Svc. Btry, 4th Bn, 1st FA, 13-11
Co. C, 70th Eng. Bn, defeated Co. B, 125th FSB, 16-4

May 23

2nd Bn, 4th Cav, defeated 596th Sig, 11-6
Btry A, 2nd Bn, 32nd FA, defeated Co. A, 610th BSB, 10-4
Co. B, 610th BSB, defeated Co. C, 610th BSB, 17-9
Co. D, 610th BSB, defeated Co. E, 610th BSB, 25-7

May 24

Co. G, 610th BSB, defeated Co. F, 610th BSB, 24-4
2nd Bn, 2nd HET, defeated 24th Trans, 10-9
Co. C, 1st Bn, 13th Armor, defeated HHC, 3rd Bde, 14-9
Co. A, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, defeated Co. C, 1st Bn, 41st Inf, 23-13
Co. C, 2nd Bn, 70th Armor, defeated Svc. Btry, 4th Bn, 1st FA, 18-16
Co. G, 610th BSB, defeated Btry C, 4th Bn, 1st FA, 8-7
Co. B, 125th FSB, defeated Co. C, 610th BSB, 26-1
2nd Bn, 4th Cav, defeated Co. A, 610th BSB, 34-3

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American League

May 17

Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated HHC, 1st Bde., 18-4
MEDDAC/DENTAC defeated Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 22-1
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., 13-12
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 14-10
Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, won by forfeit from MEDDAC/DENTAC
HHC, 1st Bde., defeated Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 24-11
HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 24-21
Co. B, 101st FSB, defeated HHDCo. A, 101st FSB, 21-12

May 18

HHC, 24th Inf. Div., defeated 15th Fin., 13-9
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated

Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 11-7
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 5-3
Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated 10th ASOS, 19-8
116th MP Co. defeated Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, 14-4
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated HHDCo. A, 101st FSB, 27-10
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 12-9
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 21-7

May 23

Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, won by forfeit from Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor
Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, defeated Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 27-12
HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated HHDCo. A, 101st FSB, 25-6
D Troop, 4th Cav., defeated HHDCo. A, 101st FSB, 22-4
Btry. D, 1st Bn., 5th FA, defeated HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 11-8
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated Co. B, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, 18-6

D Troop, 4th Cav., defeated Co. B, 101st FSB, 13-10
Co. B, 101st FSB, defeated 15th Fin., 35-3
Co. C, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., defeated HHC, 1st Bde., 11-10
MEDDAC/DENTAC defeated 15th Fin., 21-5
10th ASOS defeated HHC, 24th Inf. Div., 11-3

May 24

HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, won by forfeit from Co. C, 1st Bn., 34th Armor
Co. A, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, defeated Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 16-3
HHDCo. A, 101st FSB, defeated HHC, 24th Inf. Div., 10-9
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated HHC, 1st Bde., 13-4
HHC, 1st Bn., 34th Armor, defeated HHC, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 17-13
Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th FA, defeated 116th MP Co., 20-18

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first inning and one more in the second. The team's fielding improved in the final inning when players began catching the kind of fly balls they had been missing earlier in the game. By the bottom of the third, Co. G's out fielding began to look like its opponent's

after players missed several fly balls.

Matthew Smith, Co. G's left fielder, said the team's overwhelming victory was a combination of good all-around batting, solid fielding, good pitching, teamwork and good fundamen-

tals. Wine has attended every game so far this season and said the team is looking "excellent."

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er," McAleer said. "He doesn't seem to take chances. He just sits there and improves his position and waits for his opponent to make an inaccurate move and then he takes advantage. It's almost like a smothering process. Of course to do that, he can't make a mistake, either."

The top six finishers comprise the All-Army team scheduled to

compete against Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy contingents in the 2006 U.S. Inter-SERVICE Chess Championships June 11-17 at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla. The top six finishers there will qualify for the U.S. Military Chess Team to compete in the 2006 NATO Chess Championships Aug. 20-26 at Wellington College in

Crowthorne, Berkshire, England. Sgt. Christopher Drake of Fort Bragg, N.C.; Capt. Aldo Mendoza of Fort Gordon, Ga.; and a sergeant from Fort Eustis, Va., rounded out the top six finishers. Drake will not advance because of duty commitments. Seventh-place finisher Master Sgt. Andres Hortillosa of Fort Polk, La., will fill his spot.

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Fort Riley Community Life

Friday, June 2, 2006

America's Warfighting Center

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Community news briefly

SAS activities listed

June 5 - 4:30-5:45 p.m., Arts and Crafts Center, 3rd through 5th grade

June 6 - 4:30-5:45 p.m., Skating at Riley Wheels

June 7 - 9:30-11:30 a.m., Milford Nature Center, 3rd through 5th grade

June 8 - 9:30-11:30 a.m., fishing at Moon Lake, 1st and 2nd grade

June 9 - 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Science City in Kansas City, 1st and 2nd grade

For more information, call 239-9220.

Fort Riley looks for teachers

Instructors are being recruited for kindermusic, violin lessons, drum lessons, chess, cosmetology, skateboarding, Web page design, professional DJ and horseback riding. Other areas are possible for consideration.

These positions are contract paid employment. Applications can be picked up at Building 7434.

For more information, call 239-4723 or send e-mail to andersonr@riley.army.mil

Commissary slates fun fest

A Family Fun Fest is planned at the Fort Riley commissary from noon to 7 p.m. July 15. Free food, games, live entertainment and giveaways are planned.

Guitar lessons available on post

Introduction to guitar, a beginners class for new guitar students, will be taught by Matt McCann on Wednesdays in the School Age Services Building. Students ages 6 to 10 will have class from 6 to 6:25 p.m. and from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. Students ages 11 to 18 will have class from 7 to 7:25 p.m. and from 7:30 to 7:55 p.m.

The first class was May 10. Lessons cost \$25 and \$30. Level two guitar classes for students completing the introduction to guitar will begin June 10 in the School Age Services Building and continue on Tuesdays. The instructor will be Austin Meek.

Students ages 6 to 10 will attend classes from 6 to 6:25 p.m. or from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. Students ages 11 to 18 will attend classes from 7 to 7:25 p.m. or from 7:30 to 7:55 p.m.

Chaplaincy adds service

Worship opportunities at Fort Riley now include a service in the Liturgical Protestant tradition.

The one-hour service begins at 9 a.m. in historic St. Mary's Chapel, 3 Barry Avenue. For more information, contact the pastor, Chaplain (Maj.) Greg Thogmartin at 239-5711 or call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 239-3359.

Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Remembering



Maj. Gen. Dennis Hardy (left), commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, and division and post Command Sgt. Maj. Marvell Dean, salute after placing a wreath in front of the monument in the center of the post cemetery during the annual Memorial Day ceremony May 29.

Memorial ceremony honors fallen troops

By Mike Heronemus
Editor

About 250 spectators gathered at Fort Riley's cemetery May 29 to honor the sacrifices of America's fallen military, including 65 post Soldiers and eight reserve component Soldiers who had mobilized through America's Warfighting

Center on their way to Iraq or Afghanistan.

"Lest We Forget" read the banner on the wreath laid at the foot of the cemetery's central monument by Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, and Command Sgt. Maj. Marvell R. Dean, the division's and

post's top enlisted leader.

The last to fall was Spc. Michael L. Hermanson of Company A, 164th Engineer Battalion, 130th Engineer Brigade, of the North Dakota Army National Guard. He died May 23 in combat operations in Iraq.

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Fort Riley Soldiers killed during OIF

Sixty-five Soldiers from Fort Riley have been killed during Operation Iraqi Freedom as of Dec. 22, 2005.

1st Battalion, 41st Infantry

Sgt. Jacob Butler, HHC, April 1, 2003

Spc. Larry Brown, Co. C, April 5, 2003

Sgt. David Heath, Co. B, Aug. 16, 2004

Capt. Mark Stubenhofer, HHC, Dec. 7, 2004

Cpl. William D. Richardson, Co. A, April 3, 2005

1st Battalion, 13th Armor

Spc. Simeon Hunte, Co. A, Oct. 1, 2003

Pvt. Anthony Mazzarella, Co. B, July 5, 2005

Sgt. Dominic J. Sacco, Co. D, Nov. 20, 2005

Sgt. Donald J. Hasse, Co. A, Nov. 29, 2005

Sgt. Jerry W. Mills Jr., Co. A, Nov. 29, 2005

70th Engineer Battalion

Pvt. Jonathan Falamiko, Co. A, Oct. 27, 2003

Spc. Matthew A. Koch, Co. C, March 9, 2005

1st Sgt. Timmy J. Millsap, Co. A, April 25, 2005

Spc. Seferino Reyna, Co. A, Aug. 7, 2005

2nd Battalion, 70th Armor

Master Sgt. William Payne, HHC, May 16, 2003

Lt. Jonathan Rozier, Co. B, July 19, 2003

Pvt. Jason Ward, Co. A, Oct. 22, 2003

Spc. Yoe Anciros, Co. C, Sept. 7, 2004

Pfc. Wyatt D. Eisenhauer, HHC, May 19, 2005

Sgt. Kenneth Schall, Co. A, May 22, 2005

Spc. Peter J. Navarro, Co. A, Dec. 13, 2005

Sgt. Brian D. Karim, Co. A, Dec. 13, 2005

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Command group signs resident agreements

By Cassidy Hill
Picerne Comm. Manager

As Fort Riley nears the transfer of responsibility for all on-post family homes, Picerne Military Housing has been collecting signed Resident Occupancy Agreements. Members of Fort Riley's command group signed their ROAs May 19.

Garrison Commander Col. Ty Smith, Assistant Division Commander for Support Col. Lee Staab and Chief of Staff Col. Eddie Perkins signed their housing paperwork so the Army can start paying Picerne their Basic Allowance for Housing July 1. Picerne Military Housing Pro-



gram Director Brian Beauregard said Fort Riley and the command group have been very supportive during the ROA signing and collection process.

"Since January, we have been briefing Soldiers and their families about privatization, Picerne

Military Housing and the ROAs," Beauregard said. "The support from the Fort Riley command group and units has been tremendous. We would not be where we are today in the ROA collection process without their support and leadership."

On July 1, Picerne Military Housing will assume responsibility for all of Fort Riley's family housing. Soldiers living in family housing need to sign their ROA, which is equivalent to a lease agreement, so that their BAH will be allotted to the housing program. The BAH dollars will be used for maintenance, repairs, renovations and new construction over the next 50 years of the partnership.



John Pearsall (left), community management director for Picerne Military Housing, watches Fort Riley Chief of Staff Col. William Perkins sign his Resident Occupancy Agreement with his wife, Gayle Perkins.

Clearing quarters becomes easier after July 1

By Heidi Paulson
KSU intern

Military members and their families will have an easier time clearing quarters starting July 1, said Picerne Military Housing Communications Manager Cassidy Hill.

Picerne employees have been working with Fort Riley's Housing Office staff since May to make the privatization transition as easy as possible for residents. Having Picerne employees available in the housing office gives residents someone to make arrangements with for clearing

quarters if they are leaving post after July 1.

For Soldiers clearing quarters after July 1, Picerne's surface-clean policy will provide a guide to follow when cleaning. The new procedures will be similar to leaving an apartment on the economy, Hill said.

Surface-clean condition means the home is left clean but not necessarily scrubbed. The standards are intended to reflect good day-to-day housekeeping. When a home is regularly cleaned, moving out should only require a wipe down and sweeping.

"When the Soldier gets orders, they will take them to the

(Picerne) neighborhood office (after July 1) to set up the initial walk-through inspection," Hill said. "We will work around the Soldier's schedule, even if the walk-through is needed after work or on weekends."

Hill said a member of property management and maintenance staff will evaluate the home's condition with the Soldier.

"The walk-through will provide an idea of the shape of the appliances within the home so they know what to clean and what not to," she said. "We don't want them wasting time cleaning if the appliance is going to be disposed of after the resident clears."

Hill said Picerne's procedures are more customer-service oriented than the way residents are currently cleared through the Housing Office.

"Because each neighborhood will have its own staff and maintenance team, the residents will be working with the same people for all of their needs," she said. "It becomes a little bit more personal instead of everyone going through the one office on post."

Repairs that result from normal wear and tear will be Picerne's responsibility. However, damage caused by resident neglect will be charged to the resident. Hill said, if the inspection reveals one or

more items needing to be replaced as a result of resident damage or neglect, Picerne's Neighborhood Management Office will prepare and send an itemized invoice with the appropriate charges.

"We're not out to nickel and dime Soldiers," she said. "We will have all of the housing office's records to compare current conditions against when residents clear quarters after July 1. Anything related to the recent tornado or fire damage will be accounted for in the records."

Payment will be due upon receipt of the invoice and the bill

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Soldier speaks about sacrifice at JC service

By Tom A. Throne

Editor, The Daily Union

Memorial Day is a day to remember those who have fallen in service to the country, the operations sergeant for 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, said during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Junction City Municipal Building.

Speaking before more than 100 people attending the ceremony, Master Sgt. Kevin Walker talked about sacrifice and what it means to American Soldiers.

"To a servicemember, sacrifice is the ultimate word," he said. "Many have been willing to lay down their lives for the very freedom our flag represents."

"As we reflect on this day, it is important that we remember all those who willingly died for our country, our freedom and for what we believe in," said the 18-year Army veteran who was wounded in a roadside bomb attack in 2004. He has fully recovered from his wounds and is back on active duty.

Spc. Joseph L. Lister, a graduate of Pleasanton High School, was killed by an improvised explosive device at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 3, 2003, while on patrol in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. He is survived by his wife, Sierra, and a son, Micah.

Sgt. Jarrod Black of Peru, Ind., was killed at 6:30 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2003, by an IED while on a mission Ar Ramadi. He was survived by a wife, Shawna, two sons, Jason and Jacob, and a daughter, Sheridan, who he never saw, as she was born while he was in Iraq.

"Both of these Soldiers had wonderful lives ahead of them. Both were newly married and had many dreams for their future," Walker said. "However, in a split second of combat, Spc. Joseph

Lister will never see his son play his first baseball game, and Sgt. Jarrod Black will never dance with his daughter on her wedding day.

"These two Soldiers will never be able to tell their young brides 'I love you' one last time. Both of these Soldiers have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country."

Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, was first observed May 30, 1968, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, he said. More than one million American servicemembers have died fighting for the country since the nation took up arms in 1775 to fight for their independence, Walker added.

"Each person who died during those conflicts was a loved one cherished by family and friends. Each was a loss to the community and nation," he said.

In closing, Walker asked the audience to pause for one minute at 3 p.m. (for the National Moment of Remembrance) to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all.

Following Walker's speech, a wreath was placed at the foot of the stage, a 21-gun salute was fired by members of American Legion Post No. 45 and "Taps" was played. The presentation of the colors was by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8773.

The Memorial Day ceremony was sponsored by the Geary County Veterans Alliance.

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must be paid before the resident will be permitted to clear post. However, Hill said a payment plan is a future possibility.

For families moving in early summer, Fort Riley's Housing Office plans to reassign as many housing units as possible before July 1 to minimize the financial impact on families waiting for quarters. Anyone clearing before the close of business on June 15 will be required to follow the existing Fort Riley cleaning standards.

Col. Thomas Smith, garrison

commander, stated in a memo it is not currently necessary to hire a cleaning team if normal house-keeping standards have been followed while living in quarters. It is a personal choice, he wrote.

In cases where quarters are being cleared after June 15 but before July 1, a pre-termination inspection must be scheduled with the housing office. This is to determine the amount of maintenance work required before the quarters can be reassigned.

If maintenance requirements are minimal and housing staff

determines the quarters can be reassigned before July 1, the occupants will be required to clean the bathrooms and kitchens, remove all personal property and trash on the premises and turn the keys over to the housing inspector.

If maintenance work cannot be completed in time for reassignment to occur before July 1, residents will have to remove all personal property and trash and broom-sweep the house before turning keys over to the housing inspector.

Moving out

Cost break

Picerne Military Housing Communications Manager Cassidy Hill reports an estimated total savings of \$4.5 million through all of the installations where Picerne manages on-post housing.

Hill said the money was saved by not requiring the Soldiers and their families to hire an "expensive cleaning team."

An average of \$300 was allowed for housing-clearing expenses incurred per move under the current housing office system.

Fort Meade - \$1.2 million
Fort Bragg - \$2.2 million
Fort Polk - \$1.1 million
Fort Rucker - \$22,000 since April 1, 2006

Cleaning up

- Personal items are removed
- Items requiring disposal are disposed of
- Equipment and features delivered as part of the home are returned intact and in proper working order
- Wall color is as it was when occupants moved in
- Carpets are vacuumed and free of excess stains or spots
- All floors are swept and cleaned
- Garbage cans are cleaned and in their areas
- Kitchen work surfaces are wiped and free of excessive grease build-up
- Refrigerator is wiped down inside and out, empty and free of mold
- Range hood, stovetop, oven, drip pans and under burners are wiped down and free of burned-on food and excessive grease
- Dishwasher exterior is cleaned
- Bathroom surfaces are wiped down - free of soap scum, mold, mildew and dirt build-up
- Shower curtain is removed
- Toilet is clean inside and out



Damage costs

The information and prices are a reference only and are subject to change without notice.

- Pet damage cost plus labor
- Damaged counter top \$225
- Damaged door jamb \$50
- Damaged medicine cabinet doors \$40 each and up
- Broken garbage disposal (neglect) \$65 and up
- Repainting requiring a 2nd coat \$75 and up per room
- Damaged kitchen/bath linoleum cost plus labor
- Broken refrigerator crisper/shelf \$45 and up
- Holes in walls larger than 1" \$25 and up
- Damaged bedroom door \$45 and up
- Damaged bi-fold doors \$25 and up
- Damaged closet doors \$40 and up
- Damaged appliances \$25 minimum
- Damaged bath sink \$100 and up
- Damaged medicine cabinet \$20 each and up
- Missing medicine cabinet shelf \$15 each and up
- Broken mirror \$30 and up
- Damaged tub/shower \$50 and up
- Broken shower doors \$80 and up
- Replacement of toilet seat \$25 each and up
- Unstap commode due to neglect \$25 - \$125
- Damaged shade/mini-blind \$15 and up
- Damaged vertical blinds \$45 and up
- Damaged smoke detector \$10 and up
- Damaged ceiling fan \$30 and up
- Carpet damage cost plus labor
- Light fixtures \$25 and up
- Light globe \$15 and up
- Lost/unreturned house keys \$10 each
- Mailbox key \$15
- Replacement of deadbolt/lock \$25 and up plus labor
- Missing/torn screen door \$40 - \$100
- Missing/torn window screen \$20 - \$65

Home wanted



Jazzy

Jazzy is a 1- to 2-year-old female Dachshund mix. She is a fun-loving, happy-go-lucky dog who came to the shelter as a stray. She has a lot of energy and doesn't like to be left alone.

She would be a great pet for a couple with older children. Jazzy weighs about 30 pounds and has red fur. The cost of her adoption is paying for a microchip and rabies, distemper, Parvo and heartworm tests.

Tommy, the featured pet on May 19, was adopted by a Fort Riley family last week. They adopted him as a playmate for the family's other cat.

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Ceremony

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In his invocation, Chap. (Col.) Kenneth L. Sampson, the installation chaplain, prayed, "We pause with somber reflection and to give respect and more clearly recognize our honored dead, those who have given their lives in noble, sacrificial service to our nation."

He lauded their patriotism, right-mindedness, fortitude and unconquerable resolve in the cause of liberty.

"Today is a special day, when we remember those who have fallen, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in building this great nation and making it what it is," Hardy said in his speech to the gathered crowd.

As the war on terrorism continues, "we continue to ask America's sons and daughters, not only

for commitment, but that they continue to sacrifice themselves" as others did in all of America's wars and police actions, Hardy admitted.

"Over 2,300 have fallen in Iraq (as of) today, over 600 in Afghanistan; but, lest we forget, over 3,000 lost in the infamous attacks on our great nation of the 11th of September 2001," he continued. "We lost Soldiers and civilians in the attack on the Pentagon and on the World Trade towers."

"This is not a war of our choosing, not a war we asked for, but it is certainly a war we must continue to lead even as we continue to see the terror, the wanton destruction, not just by the lawless, not just by those who want us out of

Iraq or out of Afghanistan or out of the Middle East, but those who espouse a certain form of religious hatred," he explained.

America must lead the rest of the world in facing such a threat, Hardy emphasized.

He urged those present not to just remember the fallen heroes of America, but to "re-ignite our fervor, our own commitment, because it is up to us, the living, to really fulfill the promise of those who have gone before us, to fulfill the promise of freedom, of liberty ... and seeing this war through however far we have to go at whatever price, because we know that the price is our own civilization, our own freedoms we enjoy today."

President issues proclamation, peace prayer for Memorial Day

Throughout our history, the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States have placed the security of our nation before their own safety. America will be forever grateful for their service and sacrifice. On Memorial Day, we honor those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

Defending the ideals of our nation has required the service and sacrifice of those from every generation. From Valley Forge, across Europe and Asia, and in Afghanistan and Iraq, courageous Americans have given their lives so that others could live in freedom. These Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen took an oath to defend America, and they upheld that oath with bravery and decency. They have liberated the oppressed, spread freedom and peace, and set a standard of courage and compassion for our nation. All who enjoy the blessings of liberty live in their debt.

This debt of gratitude extends also to the families who stood by our servicemen and women in times of war and times of peace. Each of the fallen has left behind loved ones who carry a burden of grief, and all Americans are inspired

by the strength of these families.

At this important time in the history of freedom, a new generation of Americans is defending our flag and our liberty. These men and women carry on the legacy of our nation's fallen heroes and demonstrate that the U.S. Armed Forces remain the greatest force for freedom in human history.

Those who lost their lives in the defense of freedom helped protect our citizens and lay the foundation of peace for people everywhere. On Memorial Day, a grateful nation pays tribute to their personal courage, love of country and dedication to duty.

In respect for their devotion to America, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved on May 11, 1950, as amended (64 Stat. 158), has requested the president to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer.

The Congress, by Public Law 106-579, has also designated the minute beginning at 3 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remem-

brance.

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, president of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, May 29, 2006, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11 a.m. of that day as a time to unite in prayer. I also ask all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance beginning at 3 p.m., local time, on Memorial Day. I encourage the media to participate in these observances. I also request the governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half staff until noon on this Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds and naval vessels throughout the United States and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control. I also request the people of the United States to display the flag at half staff from their homes for the customary forenoon period.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

Fallen

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Staff Sgt. Michael S. Zyla, Co. A, Dec. 13, 2005
Spc. James C. Kesinger, HHC, Dec. 13, 2005

4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery

Spc. Irving Medina, Svc. Btry, Oct. 14, 2003
Capt. James Shull, HHC, Nov. 17, 2003
Pvt. Luis Moreno, Btry. A, Jan. 29, 2004
Spc. Colby M. Farnan, Btry. B, Feb. 25, 2005
Spc. Jason L. Moski, Btry. B, Feb. 25, 2005
125th Forward Support Battalion (I)
Spc. Jared Hartley, July 15, 2005

1st Battalion, 34th Armor

Pfc. Jeremiah Smith, HHC, May 26, 2003
2nd Lt. Todd Bryant, Co. C, Oct. 31, 2003
Spc. Joseph Lister, Co. B, Nov. 20, 2003
Sgt. Uday Singh, Co. C, Dec. 1, 2003
Sgt. Jarrod W. Black, Co. B, Dec. 12, 2003
2nd Lt. Jeffery C. Graham, Co. C, Feb. 19, 2004
Spc. Roger G. Ling, Co. C, Feb. 19, 2004

2nd Lt. Brian D. Smith, Co. A, July 2, 2004
1st Lt. Neil A. Santoriello, Co. A, Aug. 13, 2004

2nd Battalion, 34th Armor

Sgt. Christopher Wayne Dickison, HHC, July 5, 2005

Troop D, 4th Cavalry

Staff Sgt. Christopher Cutchall, Sept. 29, 2003

1st Battalion, 16th Infantry

Staff Sgt. Mark Vasquez, Co. A, Nov. 8, 2003
Sgt. 1st Class Gary Collins, Co. A, Nov. 8, 2003
Sgt. Ryan Young, Co. A, Dec. 2, 2003
Staff Sgt. Joe Larry Dunigan, Co. B, March 11, 2004
Spc. Christopher K. Hill, HHC, March 11, 2004
Sgt. Christopher Ramirez, Co. B, April 14, 2004
Capt. John E. Tipton, HHC, May 2, 2004
Sgt. Daniel M. Shepherd, Co. A, Aug. 15, 2004

1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery

Spc. Thomas Sweet, Svc. Btry, Nov. 27, 2003
Spc. David L. Rice, HHC, April 25, 2005

April 25, 2005

1st Engineer Battalion

Sgt. Dennis A. Corral, Co. C, Jan. 1, 2004
Capt. Matthew J. August, Co. B, Jan. 27, 2004
Sgt. 1st Class James T. Hoffman, Co. B, Jan. 27, 2004
Sgt. Travis A. Moothart, HHC, Jan. 27, 2004
Staff Sgt. Sean G. Landrus, Co. B, Jan. 29, 2004
1st Lt. Doyle M. Hufstetler, Co. B, March 31, 2004
Spc. Sean R. Mitchell, Co. B, March 31, 2004
Spc. Michael G. Karr Jr., Co. B, March 31, 2004
Pfc. Cleston C. Raney, Co. B, March 31, 2004
Pvt. Brandon L. Davis, Co. B, March 31, 2004

24th Transportation Company

Spc. Jeffrey S. Henthorn, Feb. 8, 2005
Sgt. Lorenzo Ponce Ruiz, Oct. 12, 2005
Sgt. Donald D. Furman, Oct. 12, 2005

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Pfc. David Evans, 977th MP Co., May 25, 2003

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Community news briefly

Scouts help wounded troops

Girl Scouts from Brownie Troop 528 and Junior Troop 530 support the Wounded Soldiers Outreach and Support Program on Fort Riley. The girls have been working hard this past year on many projects, and some who have participated in causes such as Locks of Love and Shoes to Iraq and Afghanistan and the Junior Scouts earned the Bronze Award for their efforts.

Scouts in Brownie Troop 528 – Maliqua Spencer, Tianna Gomez, Sarah Martin, Sophie Lee, Ledia King, Shambriell Harrel and Nichole Vazquez – and members of Junior Troop 530 – Katie Zerbst, Emily Regan, Rachel Martin, Sabrina Pond and Jade Vazquez – recently donated bottles of laundry detergent, sheets, soap and other necessities, as well as boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, to be handed out with a backpack of goodies given to each wounded Soldier returning to Fort Riley.

New program to host class

The New Parent Support will host an infant care class. The six two-hour sessions will cover Pregnancy: The first three trimesters June 8, Mommy and Me: From birth – what a newborn looks like June 15, Nurturing a Healthy Family June 22, Making Adjustments and Building Support June 29, Growth and Development July 6 and Infant Safety July 13.

Class time will be 10 a.m. to noon each date at the Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264.

Free childcare will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 20 children. Call 239-9435 to register.

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America's Warfighting Center

Friday, June 2, 2006

Leisure time ideas

At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

June 2 — The Sentinel (PG13) 108 Min

June 3 — Scary Movie 4 (PG13) 83 Min

June 4 — The Wild (G) 85 Min

June 8 — Scary Movie 4 (PG13) 83 Min

June 9 — Akcelah and the Bee (PG) 112 Min

June 10 — Silent Hill (R) 83 Min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

El Dorado:

What: 1950s Car Show. The 1950s annual car show brings people from all over to display their vintage cars.

When: June 3

Where: 383 E. Central, Butler County History Center

Phone: (316) 321-9333

Kansas City:

What: The Rhythm & Ribs Jazz Festival.

When: Father's Day Weekend, June 16 from 4 to 11 p.m.; June 17 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and June 18 from noon to 6 p.m.

Where: Parade Park and the Jay McShann Pavilion at the American Jazz Museum in the Historic 18th & Vine District

Admission: Advance tickets, available through Ticketmaster and through the American Jazz Museum box office at (816) 474-6262, are \$15 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12 years old, and children 5 and under are free.

Web site: www.kcrhythmandribs.com

Phone: 816-474-8463



Sand sculpturing, such as this that took place in a previous Smoky Hill River Festival, will be part of the 30th annual event in Salina, Kan., June 8-11. The festival combines music, arts, crafts and family fun for a unique cultural experience.

Publicity photo

Smoky Hill River Festival celebrates 30 years

Special to the Post

Born of the country's Bicentennial with the goal of providing a way for the Salina community to become aware of its own potential, the Smoky Hill River Festival comes full circle to its 30th year this year.

This year's festival has scheduled music performances, art and sculpture exhibits, a craft market, art and craft demonstrations, sand sculpture and a children's area featuring hands-on activities, games, face painting and a "First Treasures" children's art purchase tent.

The festival takes place June 8-11 in Oakdale Park, adjacent to the Salina Bicentennial Center, with free parking, and free admission for children age 11 and under. Admission for others costs \$7 for a button purchased by 1 p.m. June 8 or \$10 afterward that allows one person entrance to all activities.

Introducing a stunning array of musical influences and entertainers, engaging roving artists, charming experiences for kids and families, and tales from around the globe; the festival's scheduled entertainment promises to be stellar.

Performing artists will include

the Average White Band, Wendy Woo and the Woo Crew, The Derailers, The Wailin' Jennys, Eddie from Ohio, Rain Dogs and Los Super Vatos.

Two national competitions will bring 150 outstanding exhibitors to the Festival's Fine One "don't miss it" event will be the Big Band Dance at the Bicentennial Center.

Art Show and Four Rivers Craft Market. Kansas' No. 1 shows present a marketplace of the highest quality, garnering acclaim and recognition from ArtFair SourceBook, National Association of Independent Artists, Sunshine Artist and the Harris List.

Children and families can experience playful encounters at the Children's Stage, an abundance of art materials and hands-on activities, games, "First Treasures" — Art for Young Collectors, facepainting, and dazzling interactive experiences.

New for 2006 will be a parade, but at the Smoky Hill River Festival, it's got to be unique and different. Art cars have become a recognizable cultural phenomenon, with the automobiles considered blank canvases to be transformed into highly personal reflections of the people who create them.

If you go:

Smoky Hill River Festival admission buttons, good for all four days of the event, cost \$7 in advance, and \$10 at the gate. Children 11 and under are admitted free. Buttons are available at many Salina locations, by mail and through the Festival's Web site, <http://www.riverfestival.com> or call (785)309-5770 for information.

The Festival schedule is: Thursday, 6-10 p.m. June 8; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. June 9 and 10; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 11

Daily highlights include:

Festival Jam — June 8
Four Rivers Craft Market and Art/Craft Demonstrations — June 9-11
Fine Art Show — June 10-11
Big Band Dance — June 8, 7 p.m.
First Treasures — Art for Young Collectors — June 10, 11:30 a.m.
Art installations, entertainment, children's activities and special events, June 9-11. Food Booths are open each day.
The Derailers (country swing from Austin, Texas), 8:30 p.m. June 9.
Average White Band, 8:30 p.m. June 10

ate them. The art car event is scheduled downtown at 6 p.m. June 8, just before the Festival Jam begins.

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Jazz hits 'Little Apple'

By Beth Bailey

Special to the Post

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The 2006 Little Apple Jazz Festival will take over City Park July 8, bringing a variety of jazz bands to Manhattan.

Kathy Kosins, a jazz vocalist and composer originally from Detroit, Mich., will headline this year's festival. Taking a fresh, bold approach to jazz music, Kosins combines her original music and the swing era romance.

Several other local and national bands will perform, bringing a variety of jazz music. Some of the jazz styles include traditional, Latin, contemporary, R&B and blues.

The evening's line-up is:

5-5:30 p.m. — Manhattan High School Blue Notes

5:30-6:15 p.m. — Queen City Jazz Band (also performing at 7:30 p.m. at Bobby T's.)

6:15-6:45 p.m. — Kansas State University Latin Jazz Ensemble

6:45-7:30 p.m. — Doug Talley Quartet

7:30-8 p.m. — Kelly McCarty Jazz Combo

8-8:45 p.m. — Watermelon Slim

8:45-9:30 p.m. — Bottom Line Band

9:30-10:45 p.m. — Kathy Kosins

A food vendor will be available and the bands will have CDs available for sale.

